

Judicial Salaries Since 1968

End of Year	Senators	Members of the House of Representatives	Circuit Judges	District Judges
2004	\$158,100	\$158,100	\$167,600	\$158,100
2003	\$154,700	\$154,700	\$164,000	\$154,700
2002	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$159,100	\$150,000
2001	\$145,100	\$145,100	\$153,900	\$145,100
2000	\$141,300	\$141,300	\$149,900	\$141,300
1999	\$136,700	\$136,700	\$145,000	\$136,700
1998	\$136,700	\$136,700	\$145,000	\$136,700
1997	\$133,600	\$133,600	\$141,700	\$133,600
1996	\$133,600	\$133,600	\$141,700	\$133,600
1995	\$133,600	\$133,600	\$141,700	\$133,600
1994	\$133,600	\$133,600	\$141,700	\$133,600
1993	\$133,600	\$133,600	\$141,700	\$133,600
1992	\$129,500	\$129,500	\$137,300	\$129,500
1991 ¹	\$125,100	\$125,100	\$132,700	\$125,100
1990	\$98,400	\$96,600	\$102,500	\$96,600
1989	\$89,500	\$89,500	\$95,000	\$89,500
1988	\$89,500	\$89,500	\$95,000	\$89,500
1987 ²	\$89,500	\$89,500	\$95,000	\$89,500
1986	\$75,100	\$75,100	\$83,200	\$78,700
1985	\$75,100	\$75,100	\$83,200	\$78,700
1984	\$72,600	\$72,600	\$80,400	\$76,000
1983	\$77,300	\$77,300	\$77,300	\$73,100
1982 ³	\$69,800	\$69,800	\$77,300	\$73,100
1981	\$60,663	\$60,663	\$74,300	\$70,300
1980	\$60,663	\$60,663	\$70,900	\$67,100

End of Year	Senators	Members of the House of Representatives	Circuit Judges	District Judges
1979 ⁴	\$60,663	\$60,663	\$65,000	\$61,500
1978	\$57,500	\$57,500	\$57,500	\$54,500
1977 ⁵	\$57,500	\$57,500	\$57,500	\$54,500
1976 ⁶	\$44,600	\$44,600	\$46,800	\$44,000
1975	\$44,600	\$44,600	\$44,600	\$42,000
1974	\$42,500	\$42,500	\$42,500	\$40,000
1973	\$42,500	\$42,500	\$42,500	\$40,000
1972	\$42,500	\$42,500	\$42,500	\$40,000
1971	\$42,500	\$42,500	\$42,500	\$40,000
1970	\$42,500	\$42,500	\$42,500	\$40,000
1969 ⁷	\$42,500	\$42,500	\$42,500	\$40,000
1968	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$33,000	\$30,000

Explanatory Notes

Unless otherwise indicated, all increases were the result of annual pay adjustments.

1. This pay raise went into effect on January 1, 1991, and reflects a 25 percent increase provided to judges and other senior Government officials by the Ethics Reform Act of 1989, Pub. L. No. 101-194, § 703, 103 Stat. 1716, 1768, and a 3.6 percent cost-of-living adjustment for the 1991 fiscal year.
2. The pay adjustment was actually provided in two steps. First, Public Law Number 99-500, §406, provided a three percent cost-of-living adjustment for the Judiciary as of January 1, 1987, bringing the salaries of circuit judges to \$85,700 and district judges (and other top Government officials) to \$81,100. Then President Reagan on January 5, 1987, recommended to Congress further adjustment for justices, judges, and other executive level officers under the Federal Salary Act of 1967, as amended 2 U.S.C. § 358, to the rates shown. These rates became effective March 1, 1987, following Congressional failure to effectively disapprove them. This was the first time since 1978 that congressional members were paid the same as judges; however, their pay only was made equal to district judges, rather than circuit judges as had been the custom prior to 1978.
3. By legislation, salaries for Senators remained at \$60,663 until raised to \$69,800, effective July 1, 1983.
4. *United States v. Will*, 449 U.S. 200 (1980), held that 1979 legislation violated the Non-Diminution clause of Article III in denying judges joint implementation of 1978 and 1979 annual cost-of-living adjustments; congressional members, not covered by the constitutional holding in *Will*, received only the 1978 annual cost-of-living adjustment under this legislation.
5. Quadrennial Commission increases, effective March 1, 1977, not only increasing pay generally, but also restoring parity between the pay of circuit judges and congressional members.
6. Implementation of the 1976 annual cost-of-living adjustment for judges only, pursuant to *United States v. Will*, *supra*, holding that retroactive cancellation of the 1976 adjustment violated the Non-Diminution Clause of Article III.
7. Quadrennial Commission increases effective March 1, 1969.